

## RESOLUTIONS

OF

### THE LEGISLATURE OF RHODE ISLAND,

*Recommending provision for the Defence of Narragansett Bay, in that State.*

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JUNE 17, 1836.—Read.

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#### STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS.

*In General Assembly, May session, A. D. 1836.*

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, it is highly expedient that all such fortifications as may be adequate to the best defence and protection of the waters of the Narragansett bay and its adjoining coasts and country, be completed by the United States, in such manner, and at as early a period as is consistent with the convenience of Government, and a proper regard to the effective construction and durability of said works, as well as to the importance of its waters for purposes of navigation.

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this General Assembly, supported by the united opinions of the most eminent engineers, the Narragansett bay is susceptible of a complete defence; that, being accessible at all seasons of the year, and with nearly every wind, to the largest fleets which this country can ever maintain, it offers within its bosom the only safe station, comprising such advantages, north of the Chesapeake bay; that it is invaluable as a port of expedition and naval rendezvous; and that thus, not only this State, but the whole Union is interested in its effective defence.

*Resolved*, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to lay these resolutions before the respective bodies of which they are members, and to use their best exertions to obtain the necessary appropriations to carry into effect the views of this General Assembly, as before expressed.

True copy. Witness:

HENRY BOWEN, *Secretary.*

